A full and true Relation

Of the great Defeat given to Sir *Ralph Hopton* By Sir *William Waller*: Certified by severall Letters from Sir *William Wallers* quarters. *viz.*

{ Generall *Brown*.
{ Lieut. Collonel *Harrison*.
{ Captain *Drinkwater*.

Shewing how our Forces *March* 28. beat the Enemy at a Skirmish, and on Friday *March* 29. gave them an Overthrow, and utterly routed them.

Wherein were slain;

{ *The Lord* Ruthen, *Generall of the Kings Army.*
{ *The Lord* John *Brother to the Duke of* Lenox.
{ *And many more Commanders and Officers of note, and*
{ 150. *Common Soldiers.*

Besides which they took from the Enemy,

Sr. Drakes.
Sir Edward Stowell *Collonel.*
Coll. Bourds *brother in Cheapside.*
Captain Chidley.
Captain Jackson.
Captain Seamore.

{ *Lieutenant* Kete.
{ 2. *Ensignes.*
{ *Thomas Middleton.*
{ *Francis Constable.*
{ *James Dunkyn*, Corner.
{ *And divers other prisoners of note.*

And by directions from the States of both Kingdomes, an Order for Thankesgiuing for the said Victory, by JOHN WOLLASTON, Mayor.

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A FULL RELATION OF A GREAT VICTORY

Obtained by

Sir WILLIAM WALLER,

Against

Sir RALPH HOPTON:

As it was read by severall Ministers in the Pulpit before their Congregations in the City of London.

UPON Friday March the 24. last, Sir William Wallers forces joyned battell with Hoptons forces, each party being supposed to be about 10000 strong both in horse and foot, the battle lasted from eight of the clock in the morning till five at night; but about five of the clock the Lord made the enimies hearts to faile, so that they ranne away, the whole Army routed, ours pursuing, and slaying many in the pursuit. And Lord

Lord Generall Hamilton, and Lord [illegible] brother to the Duke of Lenox are both slain, and about 150 of the common Soldiers, many also are taken prisoners, and most of their Commanders were either wounded, slain, or taken prisoners; with many other considerable persons, who were taken prisoners by our Officers. Not above three of the London Brigade are lost, nor above twenty of the whole Army (as is supposed.) For all which extraordinary mercies here is earnestly desired by Lieutenant Colonel Harrison of the Yellow Regiment, that all possible praises may be rendred to the Lord of Hostes, the sole worker of all.

This Relation is confirmed by several Letters; as from Generall Browne, Lieutenant Collonell Harrison, and Captain Drinkwater.

With Hopton's forces, each party being supposed to be about 10000 strong both in horse and foot, the battle lasted from eight of the clock in the morning, [illegible] but about

[illegible] Colonel
[illegible] Captains,
[illegible] Lieutenant.

and many others of note, concerning which [illegible] certified in Captain Drinkwaters Letter following

To

To his loving and deare Wife, Mistresse Elizabeth Drinkwater, at the Bleu Bore in Friday-street, in London.

Sweetheart,

YEsterday being Thursday, we fought all day with the Enemy, some being taken on both sides, and some wounded and some few killed: This day we had a second Battle, it began at eight a Clocke in the morning, and lasted until five at night, at which time the enemy betook them to their heels, and are run away to Winchester, and Basing house, as we are informed. Our Horse pursued them, and do still follow the pursuit; we have sent Scouts after them, to know where they are: Sir *William Waller* and Sir *William Balfour* are still in the pursuit; we have killed many, amongst which is one General *Ruthen*, and the Lord *Iohn* Brother to the Duke of Lenox, and many more; but as yet I can write no certain number. We have taken a hundred and fifty prisoners, and wounded many; and I do not know of thirty killed of our side. Tell my Brother *Robert* that Captain *Miller* is taken prisoner, and carried away; but I hope to morrow he shall be redeemed, if they flye not quite away. After our fight, we followed the Enemy to this Town, where we arrived about ten of the Clocke at night, and are going as fast as we can to Winchester after them, and it may be we shall have another Battle.

I pray God prosper our endeavours, which I doubt not but he will doe, he hath been this day and night good unto us, and hath shewed himselfe a gratious Father unto us beyond expectation, and in particular I have seen his power and mercy to me, being ingaged, and almost past hope to come off alive, but blessed be his name, and I pray God make me ever to praise his name for the same. It was the bravest battell fought on both sides, (by all reports) ever since the warres began, the Armies did consist of about ten thousand apeece, little or no difference, but God was the God of battle who will never forsake his just warre.

Newes comes in that seven Drakes are taken by our horse in the pursuit, which I hope will hold true, I will write the Relation more fully by the first I can. But *Hopton* forces are quite routed for the present and ran quite away, and we pursuing as I have writ, when we shall return I know not, I pray God send us a merry meeting, feare nothing, but that God that hath preserved me, will bring me safe home, and so until I see you and ever, I leave you to God, and will ever rest,

Your ever loving Husband,

THOMAS DRINKWATER.

POSCRIPT.

There were taken prisoners,

Sir *Edward Stowell* Colonell, Colonell *Bennet* his brother in Cheapside, Captain *Chedley*, Captaine *Jackson*, Captaine *Edmond*, Lievtenant *Kite*, three Ensignes, *Thomas Middleton*, *Francis Constable*, *James Ducket* Coronet, and divers of note, are taken prisoners.

Tell Mistris *Gosslee* her husband is very well, and so are all my Officers, and all my companie, except one of my souldiers wounded.

Dated the 29 of *March*, 1644.

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BY

By the Maior.

To every Minister within the City of London Liberties, Line of Communication, and Bills of Mortality.

THE extraordinary blessing of God upon the forces under the command of Sir *William Waller*, and Sir *William Bulford*, against the Army led by Sir *Ralph Hopton*, for the destruction of the Parliament, this city and Kingdom in a battell neare Winchester, yesterday being Friday, the 24. of this instant March, which continued from eight of the clock in the morning untill night, wherein the enemy was absolutely routed, and pursued many miles with good execution, being signified unto me by the most Honourable Committee of both Kingdomes, requires a more solemne thanksgiving then upon so short warning can be performed, especially considering that this mercy hath been beyond expectation, cast from heaven into our bosomes, so soone after our late fasting and humiliation, after that sad blow about Newark.

I do heartily (according to the duty of my place) desire and require you, and all Ministers of both Kingdomes, to stir up and require your Congregations, upon the Lords day, to give notice of this great work, and in your Congregation, using your best endeavours to quicken them to the highest pitch of thankfulnesse for the Lords glorious Mercies, and to engage their hearts and hands yet further, to helpe the Lord against the mighty, with their prayers, and all other helpes of money, armes, horses, men, or other provisions, for the instant making up or supplying a body of horse and foot, to go out and follow the enemy, to prevent the rallying of his men, or raising of new forces, to do further mischief, that God may give an end to the present Calamities, and restore a stable peace in this afflicted Nation, to the comfort of all Gods people in all the Kingdomes.

And what God shall move the hearts of men to subscribe and contribute, or what men they shall lend our or maintain to this most necessary service, not onely my selfe, but the Commitee of the Militia, do make it our joynt request, that you, with some others well affected, would set downe in writing, and returne upon Munday morning next, without fail, to the Commitee of the Militia at Guildhall.

Dated this 30. of March. 1644.

John Wollaston, Mayor.

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